



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6259**

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOUNDARIES OF REGIONAL  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 32-741 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (a) In order to coordinate, implement and promote responsible  
4 economic growth and activities in this state, any of the following  
5 entities may, after approval by the Commissioner of Economic and  
6 Community Development, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
7 Management and the Assistant Secretary of Economic Development of  
8 the United States Department of Commerce, either individually or in  
9 conjunction with one or more other such entities, establish a regional  
10 economic development district for the purposes of sections 8-35a, 16a-  
11 27, 32-1o and 32-742 to 32-745, inclusive: (1) A regional economic  
12 development commission formed under section 7-137; (2) any  
13 organization that has a strategy that would meet the requirements of  
14 section 32-742 and has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of  
15 Economic Development of the United States Department of  
16 Commerce; (3) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under  
17 Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent  
18 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended  
19 from time to time; (4) another regional economic development

20 commission or corporation formed under any other provision of the  
 21 general statutes or any special act; or (5) a regional [planning  
 22 organization] council of governments, as defined in section 4-124i. The  
 23 entity or entities establishing a regional economic development district  
 24 shall provide for a board of directors of the district. Not more than  
 25 [eight] nine regional economic development districts shall be  
 26 established pursuant to this subsection.

27 (b) The boundaries of such districts shall encompass one or more  
 28 planning regions, designated or redesignated pursuant to section 16a-  
 29 4a, [ or, to the extent practicable, be contiguous with boundaries of  
 30 former county government regions. Each regional economic  
 31 development district established pursuant to this section shall comply  
 32 with the distress requirement provisions of 13 CFR 301.3(a)(1).]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2015	32-741
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**PD** Joint Favorable Subst.